

Practicalities

When?

Each Tuesday from
mid-September to July.

Who is it for?

Those who are giving some or all of their time
serving in their church or within a Christian
project.

What?

10 modules (Apologetics, Biblical Worldview,
Doctrine, Personal lifestyle, Ecclesiology,
Social Issues, Pastoral Care, Old Testament,
New Testament, Mission) designed to equip
people in skills, knowledge and character. It is
accredited by NOCN to Level 3. topics covered
include Suffering & Pain, Creation & Evolution,
The Kingdom of God, Healing, Death & Hell,
Prayer, Hermeneutics, Care for the Poor,
Green Issues, Confrontation, Islam, Post-
Modernism, Genesis, Romans, Revelation.

Who delivers it?

The teaching is given by staff of the George
Muller Charitable Trust in conjunction with
speakers from a range of local churches and
Christian organisations .

Structure

The day always begins with the opportunity to
share news, worship together and pray for
one another.

Where?

7 Cotham Park, Bristol.

How much?

Free.

Why?

The course exists to offer practical, relevant
training to the whole church, by drawing on
the strengths of the whole church, in order
that the whole church may be built up and
equipped for its mission.

The specific course aims are to:

- give students the opportunity to grow in
an understanding of their attitudes and
developing strength and integrity in their
character.
- provide students with a thorough under-
standing of the Bible, theological issues
and relevant, contemporary issues fac-
ing Christians today.
- give training to students in skills relevant
to full-time Christian ministry and church
work.

***The challenge of bringing the gospel to the
world in which we live has never been so
great. We need people whose minds, wills
and spirits have been captured by Jesus. This
course gives the opportunity to study
together to be transformed for good.***

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Practical Theology Training Course

‘applying theological insights to the
practicalities of daily life’



The George Müller Charitable Trust

faith care evangelism

Theology:

- a pursuit for people with no link to the real world?
- a dry, dusty academic pursuit for people who have forgotten that 'knowledge puffs up, but love builds up'?

If this is what springs to mind then you might be surprised to hear that Müllers runs a course described as, 'great fun', 'refreshing' and, 'thought provoking'. It has been exciting to have had a number of people from Müller Partnership churches attending over the years.

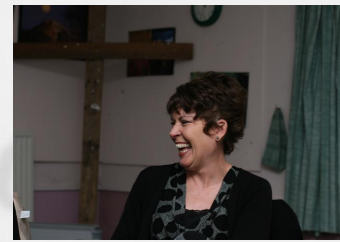


Phil Williams (left), the National Leader of Christian Surfers says,

"I have loads of experience of seeing God work in practical terms ... However, as a leader of over 500 volunteers in Christian work, I felt it was really necessary to brush up my Bible knowledge." He said the course was ideal for him, and provided a thought provoking and informative place to

"I feel closer to God and more able to go out and be honest about who I am in God."

learn and discuss challenging issues. SaraJane Box (right) heard about the course from various friends, leaders and colleagues who had attended in the past. She is involved in church pastoral issues, marriage preparation and outreach to drug dealers in the community. She has found the course to be very beneficial and says, *"Discovering new depths of the Scriptures has been fantastic ... It stirs in you a hunger that constantly yearns for more."* One of the ways it has helped her is that she has a greater confidence in the Bible, which has also been of benefit to her own personal disci-



ple-ship.



Will Brown (left), who is on the worship team at Bradford-on-Avon Christian fellow-

ship, said: *"The course is a great chance for meeting new people from different backgrounds; every week it has never failed to give me another glimpse of the Kingdom of God."*

Andy and Gill Luxford (right) co-lead Well-spring Commu-



nity Church in Brislington. Having attended the course, they reflected: *"The teaching is good for our own understanding and journey with God and, as the title of the course suggests, is also very practical. We find it is making us better equipped in our leadership role in Well-spring and in our lives generally."*

Other past students have said:

"I have benefitted immensely over the year and have found the course sound in its teaching."

"It's really beneficial to meet up with others who are serving God in similar ways and to encourage each other with prayer and sharing our experiences."

"[I have appreciated] being able to look at, and think about, such a wide variety of issues – almost anything and everything to do with my faith."

"It's great to be able to meet others and to be encouraged by what they're doing and how God is using their work."

"This course is stretching my faith more and more."